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In re Patent Application of:
Alan H. Karp et al.

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For: A NEGOTIATION PROTOCOL WITH
COMPROMISE THAT IS GUARANTEED TO
TERMINATE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 28, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-20, please reconsider the claims in view of the arguments herein:

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper wherein claims 1-6, 10-12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 are amended.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.